

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

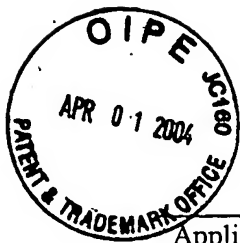
<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	10/747968
	Filing Date	12/29/2003
	First Named Inventor	Ould-Brahim
	Group Art Unit	
	Examiner Name	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	121-005
	Ridout Ref:	38898--0062

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449 and references <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) and letter <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Return receipt postcard
Remarks		Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502569.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Lindsay G. McGuinness, Reg. No. 38,549 Steubing McGuinness & Manaras LLP
Signature	
Date	March 30, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR FACSIMILE			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 33212 or being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at number (703) 872-9306 on this date: March 30, 2004			
Type or printed name	Carol Ann Mahoney		
Signature		Date	March 30, 2004

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Ould-Brahim

Serial No.: 10/747,968

Filed: 12/29/2003

Title: Apparatus and Method for Distributing  
Layer-2 VPN Information

Attorney Docket No.: 121-005

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:  
Not yet known

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 33212-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before mailing date of first office action on the merits.

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449-Information Disclosure Citation together with copies, of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware. Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

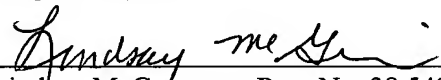
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 33212.

Date of Deposit: March 30, 2004

Typed Name: Carol Ann Mahoney

Signature: 

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lindsay McGuinness, Reg. No. 38,549  
Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)  
Steubing McGuinness & Manaras LLP  
125 Nagog Park Drive  
Acton, MA 01720

Date: March 30, 2004

Telephone No.: 978-264-6664



# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	38898-0062	121-005
-------	---	----	---	------------------------	------------	---------

Application Number	10/747968
Filing Date	December 29, 2003
First Named Inventor	OULD-BRAHIM, Hamid
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

***If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.***